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lok Sabha Starred Question Dy No 9324
from Shri G. C. Dixit regarding Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose.

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi



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Ministry of External Affairs

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A news item in the Statesman of Sunday the 12th November, spoke of certain publicity engaged in by a Dr. Wiedemann of East Berlin against Dr. Kiesinger and the FRG Government. I showed this to F.S. and he agreed that we should draw the attention of the GDR Trade Representative suggesting that he might use his good offices to ensure that there was no propaganda or adverse publicity engaged in by East Germans against the West German Government or Chancellor. We have friendly relations with both and we expect the East Germans to refrain from any line of action which might harm Indo-German relations.

2. I mentioned this to Dir(Eur) suggesting that she might send for the GDR Trade Representative and speak to him. Director(Eur), in fact, indicated that there had been on a previous occasion too (at the time of projected visit to India of Dr. Erhard) similar propaganda engaged in by the GDR and other interested persons. I shall be glad to know what the GDR Trade Representative says.

896-JS(FSI)/67

13/11/67

V.H. Coelho
(V.H. Coelho)
13-11-1967

~~DAF (TAD)~~

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Dated 15/11/67

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I spoke to Dr. Fischer yesterday. I had done so on the eve of the projected Erhard visit last year. His reaction was the same as on the earlier occasion, namely, that he did not think that it was in the G.D.R.'s interest to create embarrassment for the Government of India over a V.I.P. visit from the F.R.G. He was "well aware that the Chancellor's purpose in visiting India was to try and persuade India to accept certain positions which were against the interests of the G.D.R. However, any attempt to counter such damages should be undertaken after the visit and not by adverse comments against the F.R.G. and its leaders before or during the visit". He said, "I will speak to Weidemann so that he will not make any more such speeches, and I will also speak to anybody else that comes out here from my country. If such incidents recur, I would like you to know that it is not for want of efforts on my part to stop them."

I also reminded him of the chain reaction that had gone on in the past - of adverse criticisms in the press against F.R.G. leaders and counter publicity against G.D.R. leaders each side accusing the other of inspiring such adverse propaganda. I pointed out again that to the common man, who is not au fait with the German question, all this would just add up to a massive amount of information against Germans as such. He said he would bear all this in mind and do what he can about it.

K. Rukmini Menon
(Smt) K. Rukmini Menon.
Director (Europe Division)
November 14, 1967.

JS(FSI)

Thanks

DS(Eur)

V.H. Coelho
15.11.67

Most Immediate

Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe Division)

Placed below is a note being sent
to the Lok Sabha Secretariat concerning
Starred Question Dy.No.9324 for 27-11-67.

JS(FSI) and D.M. may kindly see before
it is sent to the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

SKJ
(S.K.Arora)
Under Secretary(EE)

JS(FSI)
D.M.

15.11.67

SKJ
18/11/67

U.S.(EE)

Pl send by Special Message.

SKJ 18/11

S.O(WF)

OSD(Eu) may kindly see the note sent
to the Lok Sabha Sectt. If he approves,
I'll find out some more information
on this question from the GDR TR.
One of their officers is coming to
see me tomorrow. We may also
write to our Embassy in Prague for
whatever information can be obtained
by them.

Mr. Linder has promised
to obtain the information
for us.

OSD(Eu)

SKJ
21.11.67

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I agree, thanks

— Rao Rupa Sr
21.11.67

W.S.(EE)

Dy. No. 17780/WZ/67

(6) - Receipt FR

The Question reg. documents found by Dr. Dithelm Vidman about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, has been finally admitted in Lok Sabha as an Unstarred Question for 4.12.67

As we have no information on the subject except the newspaper report, we will only be able to say that the information is being collected and will be furnished to the House in due course. We may, in the meantime, send a telegraphic reminder to E/P, Prague, to let us have the required information urgently.

K. V. K.
29.11.67

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Europe Division

Lok Sabha Unstarred question No 9324
for 4.12.1967.

Draft reply is placed below for approval.

SKJunt US(EE)
30.11.67

JS (FSI) - Lakhota
30.11.67

~~MS~~ Foreign Secretary N. Dayal
30/11

Minister of State.

B. Bhargava
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P.M. has approved.
Y. K. Jaiswal
2/X/11

JS & A

Copies of the Question and Answer may be sent to the Mission concerned as per ~~draft~~ fair letter put up for signature.

K. Jaiswal
6/12/67

S.No.(8) Issue

SO(Eur)

Sy.No.18469/WZ/67

S.No.(9) - Receipt

"Papers please."

Sd/- S.K. ARORA
12/12/67

Submitted, please.

K. Jaiswal
13/12/67

I think the reply given by us is not an assurance. Pl. check.

SO(Eur) SKJunt 14/12

US(EE)

Ref. U.S.E.E.'s note on prepage. The reply
given by us was not an assurance. Hence
no ^{further} action on our part is necessary.

U.S.E.E.) may kindly see.

Kearney
15/12/67

R.S.D.
15/12/67

U.S.E.E.) S.H. 15/12
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Statesman
12/11/63.

NETAJI'S CONFLICT WITH HITLER DOCUMENTS FOUND IN E. GERMANY

BOMBAY, Nov 11.—Dr Diethelm Weidemann, of the International Relations Institute, East Berlin, said here yesterday that several important documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had recently come to light, and these documents showed that he had "conflicts" with Hitler and the Nazis, reports PTI.

Addressing "Rostrum", a local organization, he said the broadcasts made during World War II by Netaji were not much to the taste of the Nazi leaders; these broadcasts were censored without his knowledge before they were beamed to India.

Dr Weidemann said that Netaji was under the impression that they were broadcast live, but actually they were only recorded and broadcast later after censorship. The German professor charged that the West German Chancellor, Dr Kiesinger, was in charge of the censorship of Subhas Bose's broadcasts as he was the head of Hitler's broadcast co-operation office.

Dr Weidemann said that Netaji offered co-operation to the Nazis only in so far as the liberation of India was concerned, but Ribbentrop and other Nazis refused to accept conditional co-operation.

The documents relating to Netaji were now being studied in his country.

Dr Weidemann said that Indian soldiers, who were taken prisoner by the German army in North Africa, were formed into an Indian division at Koenigsbruck to fight Russians. But this division refused to fight against the Soviet Union, although it was quite willing to fight the British. Because of their refusal, 10 Indian officers and soldiers were shot dead.

The Nazis then staged a military trial, and shot dead another 10 and sentenced 40 more to several years' imprisonment.

Dr Weidemann said that the German Democratic Republic supported India in her border conflict with China as well as in her conflict with Pakistan, while West Germany gave military aid to Pakistan during the Indo-Pakistan conflict.

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MOST IMMEDIATE 17.11.67
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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
(Question Branch)

SUBJECT: Starred Question Dy. NO. 9324 for 27.11.67
regarding

Ministry of Ex Aff is requested kindly to

state the facts regarding the above question (copy enclosed) with a view to enable the Speaker to decide the admissibility of the question.

While furnishing the facts, it may please be stated whether the note has been shown to the Minister. In the absence of any indication to this effect, it will be assumed that it has been issued with the approval of the Officer who has signed it.

It may also please be stated whether the Ministry have any objection to the information contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

A reply is requested by 18.11.67

H. M. al-Shar
15.11.67.
for UNDER SECRETARY.

Ministry of External Affairs
L.S.S. U.O. No. SQ. dated the 15.11.67
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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE
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14.11.67

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The question will, if admitted, be put
down for the sitting on the :—

27.11.67

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO NETAJI

* SHRI G.C. DIXIT: Will the Minister of External Affairs be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Dithelm Viedman of the Institute
of International Relations of East Berlin has found some important
documents connected with Netaji Subhash Chandre Bose which disclose
that Netaji was much opposed to Hitler and Nazis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said Doctor has stated that
these documents are being studied in East Germany; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to obtain the
details regarding these documents?

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MOST IMMEDIATE
By Special Messenger

Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe Division)

Lok Sabha Secretariat may kindly refer to their U.O.No.SQ/9324 Dated 15-11-67 regarding starred question Dy. No.9324 for 27-11-67 concerning documents said to be found by Dr. Viedman of the Institute of International Relations of East Berlin connected with Netaji Subhash Chander Bose.

2. The Ministry of External Affairs have no information on this subject. The only available material on the subject at present is a news-item which appeared in The Statesman dated 12-11-67 (copy enclosed). Efforts are being made to collect reliable information on this subject. In view of the fact that we do not have Mission in East Germany, it becomes difficult to collect such information from reliable sources. Under the circumstances therefore, it would be pre-mature to answer this question.

3. These facts may kindly be brought to the notice of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha for determining the admissibility of the question. This note has been seen by the Deputy Minister for External Affairs.

SKB
(S.K.Arora)
Under Secretary (EE)

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Shri P.K.Patnaik,
Dy.Secretary, Lok Sabha,
New Delhi

Min. of External Affairs U.O.No.WI/25(64)/67

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18-11-67

S.K. ARORA
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

भारत सरकार
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली

No.

Domest. / 125(64)/67

New Delhi (11) the 24th November, 1967

Dear Mr Ratty,

I am giving below a question which has been asked in the Parliament:

- "(a) whether it is a fact that Dr Dithelm Wiedman of the Institute of International Relations of East Berlin has found some important documents connected with Netaji Subhash Chandre Bose which disclose that Netaji was much opposed to Hitler and Nazis;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said doctor has stated that these documents are being studied in East Germany; and
- (c) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to obtain the details regarding these documents? "

2. We shall be grateful if you can collect some information on the subject for the reply. I am endorsing a copy of this letter to Shri M.M. Gupta, our Trade Officer in East Berlin. You may kindly send a copy to him so that he may also collect some information on the subject.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Sd/-
(S.K. Arora)

Shri M. Ratty,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Prague

Copy to Shri M.M. Gupta, Trade Officer, East Berlin.

SKA.
(S.K. Arora)
Under Secretary

There is one note on Dr. Wiedman's lecture and a newspaper clipping on the subject. They may also be placed on this file.

Issued.
24.11.67.

S.O (WR)

SKA
25.11.67

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Receipt

The Question relates to the activities of Netaji in Germany and may be transferred to ~~XXXXXX~~ Europe Division.

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Attache (EA)
DS (EA)

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Europe Division 26/11

27.11.67

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Dy No. 17918... EAD-1967

Dated the 24/XI...

QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA—ADVANCE NOTICE DIR(E.A.)/DS(EA)/E.A.

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External Affairs

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(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to
obtain the details regarding these documents?

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

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Documents relating to Netaji

2908. Shri G. C. Dixit:

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(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to obtain the details regarding these documents?

Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR THE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.

9324 2908

TO BE ANSWERED ON

4-12-1967

TABLED BY

SHRI G.C.DIXIT

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO NETAJI

QUESTION

Minister for
Will the External Affairs be
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ANSWER

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(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to obtain the details regarding these documents?

a.) The Government of India
b.) have no definite
c.) information on the
subject. We have seen
only a Press Report
concerning this matter.
Efforts are being made to
obtain accurate information
on the subject.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR THE LOK SABHA

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2908

To be answered on

4-12-67

Tabled by

SHRI G.C. DIXIT

Documents relating to Netaji.

ANSWER

P.M. & Minister of E.A.

(1)(b)&(c) The Government of India have no definite information on the subject. We have seen only a Press Report concerning this matter.

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ANSWER

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government of India have no definite information on the subject. We have seen only a Press Report concerning this matter.

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No.WI/125(64)/67
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

8/12
New Delhi dated the December, 1967.

Dear Mission,

A copy of the Parliament Question No. 2908
together with its answer is sent herewith for information.

Yours ever,
R.S. Prasad
Ministry.

1. Embassy of India, Prague.
2. Embassy of India, Bonn.
3. India Trade Office, East Berlin.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN TRADE ORGANISATIONS

Cables: INDTRADE BERLIN(GDR)
Phone : 534502

M.M. GUPTA
HEAD OF OFFICE

18469/WF/67
14/12.
Berolina Strasse 14 II
102 Berlin(GDR)

December 4, 1967

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Dear Shri Arora,

Please refer to your D.O.No.W1/125/(64)/67 dated the 24th November 1967 addressed to Shri Kutty, First Secretary Indian Embassy, Prague, copy endorsed to me, regarding a Parliament Question about the research of Dr. Viedman*of the Institute of the International Relations, East Berlin. As far as I have been able to ascertain, Dr. Viedman*of the Institute of International Relations is engaged in research in connection with the stay of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose in Germany during the War. The results of his research are however not complete so far and are likely to be published some time next year. According to the research being made by Dr. Viedman*it appears that Netaji left Germany for Japan because he was unable to persuade the Nazi Regime to make a clear cut declaration that India will gain independence after the war and he may have been in fact convinced that the idea of the Nazis may be to replace British Rule in India by the German Rule. He, therefore, perhaps felt that he would get better ~~xxxx~~ support for India's cause in Japan than in Germany.

2. This information has been obtained by me during an informal discussion with the Secretary of the South East Asia Society Mr. L. Gunther without disclosing the purpose for which it is required. The Society has also published a booklet which has some bearings on the research being done by Dr. Viedman* which I enclose herewith. Although it does not have a direct bearing on the stay of Netaji in Germany it is connected with the research being conducted by the Doctor.

3. In case any further information is required on the subject I can contact Dr. Viedman*who works in Postdam and supply further information to you on the subject after discussing the matter with him.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(M. M. GUPTA)

Encls: as above

Shri S.K. Arora,
Under Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI-11 (INDIA)

P.S. From the booklet you will see that the Author's name is given as Dr. Friedrich G. Dievenow. I understand that this is the pen name of Dr. Weide Mann under which he publishes his works.

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C.L. Sethi,
First Secretary.



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भारत का राजदूतावास
प्राग

EMBASSY OF INDIA
PRAGUE

No. PRA/551(6)/67(AD).

December 13, 1967.

Dear Shri Arora,

Please refer to your letter No. WI/125 (64)/67, dated 24th November 1967, to Shri Kutty, regarding a Parliament question asked about Dr. Dithelm Wiedman of the Institute of International Relations of East Berlin having found some important documents connected with Netaji Subhash Chandre Bose etc. Since we have no office in the G.D.R. I wrote to Shri M.M. Gupta on the 4th December as desired by you. His reply is still awaited. I have also asked the Cultural Attache of the G.D.R. Embassy here informally to obtain the information and documents for us. She has written to her Government but it is likely to take two to three weeks before we get any news. I shall write to you again as soon as I am able to get any further information.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

C.L. Sethi

(C.L. Sethi)

Shri S.K. Arora,
Under Secretary(EE),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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18.12-67

S.K. ARORA,
UNDER SECRETARY

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M.W. 12/125(64)/67 Dated the 20th December, 1967.

Dear Shri Sethi,

Please refer to your letter No. PRA/551(6)/67(AD) dated December 13, 1967.

2. Shri Gupta, our Trade Officer in East Berlin has already written to us on this subject. We would, of course, appreciate any further information on the subject.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

SKA

(S.K. Arora)

Shri C.L. Sethi,
First Secretary
Embassy of India,
Prague

20.12.67

LOK SABHA

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ANSWER

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF
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